Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me ...

That's discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ...

That's hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil ...

That's consecration!

My cup runneth over ...

That's abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ...

That's blessing!

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord ...

That's security!

for ever ...

That's eternity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carol Behrmann

(using "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us")

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+DOXOLOGY More Precious Than Silver see insert

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Kelly

### **Bearing and Following THE WORD into the World**

+HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Hymn 387

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Hymn 106

(refrain only)

+POSTLUDE Dr. Kit Loong Yee

# Order for the Worship of God

### Highland Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

### **Gathering around THE WORD**

PRELUDE Dr. Kit Loong Yee

The prelude is a call to quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

As the music begins, take time to enjoy being in God's presence.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

**CENTERING SONG** 

There's Something About That Name

see insert

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Carol Behrmann

God comes searching for us, seeking our response;

like a shepherd, God watches over us.

God provides for us all that we need, by still waters, God leads us to green pastures.

God gathers us from many backgrounds and traditions.

God rescues us from the shadows of our scattered places.

The worship of God restores our souls; the righteousness of God calms our fears.

God lifts us up to the mountain heights;

here we are strengthened for life in the valley.

Evil and death hold no terror for us; surely God's goodness and mercy will follow us.

Let us worship our God.

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit. **Bold: all people respond** 

### OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Eternal and loving God, we thank you for the ability your power alone can give us to love the unloving, to speak peace in the midst of turmoil, to go the second mile, and to turn the other cheek.

Your power moves through us in prayer, exhibiting your presence and caring. Be with us this day, and bless us with hints of transcendence and experiences that lift and transform us.

These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

+HYMN God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Hymn 285

+CALL TO CONFESSION

**+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION** 

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, what a strange mixture we are – insatiable in our searching, bold with our theories, surrounded with electronic enchantments, yet creatures of boundless blindness when it comes to the things that ultimately matter.

Touch us and restore to us a sane view of life.

Let us see ourselves as beings made for worship, fellowship, justice, and love.

Enable us to treasure our friends and pray for our enemies, serve our neighbors, and seek first your kingdom and its righteousness. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to one another in word, handshake, hug, or other sign.

### **Proclaiming THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:5-12 NSRV +HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Hymn 367

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Kelly

SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18 NSRV

SERMON "BY WHOSE AUTHORITY?"

## **Responding to THE WORD**

+HYMN Just As I Am, Without One Plea Hymn 370

 $+ AFFIRMATION \ OF \ FAITH \ \sim \ The \ Twenty-Third \ Psalm$ 

The Lord is my Shepherd ...

That's relationship!

I shall not want ...

That's supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ...

That's rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters ...

That's refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ...

That's healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ...

That's guidance!

For His name's sake ...

That's purpose!

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ...

That's testing!

I will fear no evil ...

That's protection!

For Thou art with me ...

That's faithfulness!